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Dell™ Latitude™ LT Series

**USING THE SYSTEM  
SOFTWARE RECOVERY CD**

## ***Notes, Cautions, and Warnings***

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*NOTE: A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer system.*



**CAUTION: A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.**



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# **Dell™ Latitude™ LT Series — Using the System Software Recovery CD**

You can use the *Dell Latitude LT Series System Software Recovery CD* to reinstall all the software that was installed at the Dell factory and to restore your computer to its original configuration. To complete the procedure in this document, you need:

- Optional external CD-ROM drive
- *Dell Latitude LT Series System Software Recovery CD*
- Diskettes or other external media for data backup
- Microsoft® Windows® operating system manual

The reinstallation takes about 30 minutes. The time required depends on the data transfer rate of the CD-ROM drive.

## ***Backing Up Your System***



**CAUTION:** The following reinstallation procedure formats your hard-disk drive and removes the operating system software, your application programs, and data. Before starting the procedure, you must back up your data.

Back up the data on your hard-disk drive according to the instructions in your operating system documentation.

# Reinstalling the Operating System

To reinstall the operating system, perform the following steps.



**CAUTION: Use only AC power when reinstalling the operating system. If you use the battery and the battery power becomes low, you cannot continue the reinstallation.**

1. If you have not already done so, back up your application programs and data.  
See your operating system documentation for more information on backing up your system.
2. Turn off your computer, and disconnect any peripheral devices except the external diskette drive and the CD-ROM drive.
3. Connect the external CD-ROM drive to the computer and turn it on.
4. Turn on the computer.
5. When the message `Press <F2> to enter Setup` appears, press `<F2>`.  
The Setup Utility starts.
6. Insert the *System Software Recovery CD* into the CD-ROM drive.



*NOTES: The system takes about 5 seconds to recognize a CD. If you proceed too quickly, an error message may appear. If this happens, remove the CD, restart your computer, and insert the System Software Recovery CD into the CD-ROM drive.*

*Use the System Software Recovery CD only for your Dell Latitude LT computer.*

7. In the **Exit** menu, select **Load Setup Defaults** and press `<Enter>` twice.
8. In the **Main** menu, select **CD-ROM Drive** as the first device of the **Boot Sequence** option.
9. Press `<Esc>`, and press `<Enter>` twice.  
The system restarts.
10. Read the message and press `<Enter>`.
11. Follow the instructions on the screen.
12. After the hard-disk drive is recovered, remove the *System Software Recovery CD* and press any key.  
The system restarts.
13. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the operating system setup.
14. After completing the setup, click the **Start** button, and click **Shut Down**.

15. In the **Shut Down Windows** dialog box, select **Restart the Computer** and then click **Yes**.

The system restarts.

16. When the message Press <F2> to enter Setup appears, press <F2>.

The Setup Utility starts.

17. In the **Exit** menu, select **Load Setup Defaults** and press <Enter> twice.

18. Select **Exit Saving Changes** and press <Enter> twice.

The system restarts.

